MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the credit of the account?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISNNAN: The metal was a loan.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether a substitute has been sent to the place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is being replaced at the cost of the aerodrome.

Roller-engines.

13. SAHIB BAHADJR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that most of the useful roller-engines intended for road-building and maintenance are taken away for the construction of the Aerodrome; and

(*b*) how many of them were working there at a time?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Eight as a maximum.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of roller-engines in the State employed for maintaining the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There are 21 roller-engines in all, in the State.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: How many were brought to the aerodrome?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a maximum of eight for a few days. There are only four now.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know how many of them are in working order?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Almost all except two which are in the workshops.

Air Service.

14. ❋MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of aeroplanes belonging to the Government of Travancore;

(*b*) the price given for each;

(*c*) the places where aerodromes have been provided; and

(*d*) whether any company has applied for sanction to conduct air service between Travancore and other parts?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) None.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Which are the companies that have asked for permission for starting the servic?

PRESIDENT: No company. I have already stated that an agreement has been entered into with the Tata Airways Company. That is the only company and there is no other company.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Were they given sanction for that?

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PRESIDENT: I might make it clear that the Tata Airways and the Governments of Cochin, Mysore and Travancore have entered into an agreement for the purpose of running a bi-weekly or tri-weekly service between Trivandrum, Cochin, Bangalore and Madras and back again. It takes four hours in each direction.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: From what date?

PRESIDENT: From 1st October.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the plane which is now in Travancore is a part of the fleet?

PRESIDENT: It is His Highness' own plane, and is not part of the service.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government is aware that in the *Travancore Information* it was mentioned that it was one of the service planes?

PRESIDENT: The *Travancore Information* is not always infallible. (*Laughter*)

Construction of a workshop.

15. ❋ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to construct a new workshop at Trivandrum beach; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, the estimated cost of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About Rs. 28 lakhs.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know when the work is expected to commence?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has already commenced.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: What are the workshops intended to cater to?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: All industries.

PRESIDENT: The idea is that these workshops will be one of the central workshops of the State and will supply material for the Transport Department and for all the industries so that it may not be necessary to get any spare parts from outside.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Where are these works to be started?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is adjacent to the railway line between Veli and Pettah stations.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the number of acres to be acquired for the workshops?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 10 acres.

MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the material be able to compete with the material available outside?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is the idea.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Who is to be in charge of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: When it is finished or when it is under construction?

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